

## TEXAS TO LOSE SLICE OF LAND?

New Mexico Claims 600,000 Acres Are Missing.

### OLD SURVEY BLAMED FOR LOSS

Constitutional Convention of Embryonic State Willing to Drop Fight For Disputed Territory if El Paso County Is Given In Exchange—Argument an Old One With Increased Bitterness.

Besides squelching the initiative and adopting the referendum in such a manner that it will not be objectionable even to its enemies the New Mexico constitutional convention has so far succeeded only in stirring up the people of Texas over the boundary question and debating a lot of other matters that may or may not go into the constitution.

The boundary matter is the biggest thing yet disposed of by the convention. It is a matter which New Mexico cannot settle and which the constitution cannot settle, but the New Mexicans are going to stand pat and make the fight.

So far as the records show the congress of the United States settled at one time upon the one hundred and third meridian as the boundary between Texas and New Mexico, and the records further show that the Texas legislature officially confirmed this and that the United States paid the state of Texas \$10,000,000 to relinquish all claim of any territory west of the one hundred and third meridian. At that time Texas claimed most of New Mexico and a considerable part of Colorado, territory that had been ceded to Texas by Mexico when Texas won her independence and established herself as a republic.

**Survey Called Wrong.**  
The present trouble arose over the Clark survey, which placed the meridian where the present boundary line between New Mexico and Texas is shown on all the maps. This was popularly recognized as the boundary, but it was never officially so declared by congress, and therefore, according to the New Mexicans, it is not legal. All the official evidence there is as to the boundary, they declare, is that it is fixed at the one hundred and third meridian.

In attempting to draw the line for this meridian Clark, they contend, started in the wrong place and, owing to a defective knowledge of conditions of the atmosphere and their effect upon the magnetic needle, he gradually worked to the west and in doing so kept cutting territory from New Mexico and adding it to Texas. He started

wrong in the first place, having estimated his time from Washington instead of Greenwich. He began about half a mile too far over into New Mexico, and he had worked about three miles too far by the time he quit the survey.

At first when the boundary issue was brought to light the New Mexicans suggested a compromise by allowing Texas to retain the 600,000 acres of land in the disputed zone if Texas would relinquish El Paso county to New Mexico. But recently the New Mexicans thought they ought to have compensation for the taxes and license fees which Texas has been collecting from the people in the disputed strip. So the proposition has now been brought forward that Texas surrender the territory in dispute and relinquish El Paso county in payment of indemnity for the "wrongful use and application of moneys collected from land belonging to New Mexico."

**Think El Paso Is Willing.**

The New Mexicans cite the threat of El Paso's representative in the state legislature to cut loose from the rest of Texas if better treatment was not given the western end of the state and declare that the proposed trade ought to be satisfactory to both the people of El Paso and the entire state.

The interests of El Paso's people are in fact more closely allied with those of New Mexico than with Texas, inasmuch as El Paso is 700 miles from the state capital and at least 600 miles from any city of importance in Texas, while it is not that distance across the entire territory of New Mexico and only about 300 miles to Santa Fe.

New Mexicans would be glad to acquire El Paso county because of its riches. The assessed valuations in the county are over \$33,000,000, about half as much as the territory of New Mexico is worth. El Paso is Democratic, and the county's inclusion in the new state might make it of that complexion politically.

### Buys Dr. Newsom's Office.

Miss Evelyn Hicks has bought the lot and building belonging to the Newsom estate on Main street. Miss Hicks will improve the place and make a pretty millinery parlor of it next spring. Fifty-eight years the late Dr. Newsom had his office on this street and owned several lots and buildings there before the fire.

**Not Then.**  
Bacon—I see a patent has been granted for an attachment to rocking chairs to operate a fan to cool the occupants.

Egbert—And when a man goes into the dark room and stubs his toe against the rocker, we do not think the new attachment will cool him off any.—Yonkers Statesman.

**The Common Notion.**  
"What's your idea of success?"  
"Getting \$50 for a nickel's worth of work."

## ONLY ONE NAME; HE'S JUST TIFFT

Embarrassing Sometimes, but Owner Is Satisfied.

### PARENTS CAUSED OMISSION.

Left Choice of Superfluous Cognomen to Son, Who Let It Go at That—Election Judges and Bank Clerks Obstinate at First, and Clerks Always, but He's Still Tift, Nothing Else.

Tift, that's his full name—not John J. Tift nor Horatio Q. Tift nor Peter X. Tift nor yet Myqua St. Patrick Tift—just Tift. If you don't believe it you are at perfect liberty to go down to the New York Produce Exchange, ask the starter how you get to the offices in the tower and come face to face with a sign which reads:

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For twenty-five years the general public has been unacquainted with the fact that there is a person in New York who owns no initials, first name or addendum to his name. In the recent rule of England it was not uncommon to see official statements emanating from Buckingham palace signed "Knollys"—pronounced Noles—but that was not because he didn't own an antepenultimate syllable; it was attributable to the European custom.

"It happened this way," said Tift. "My father thought that perhaps I wouldn't like the name that he gave me, my mother thought that perhaps I wouldn't like the name she gave me, and so they decided to leave it to me until I got old enough to choose one for myself."

**Always Merely Tift.**

"Well, it went along, and I found that I was not exactly endowed as other persons. The boys at school wanted to know what my name was, and I told them Tift. If they wanted to know anything about my first name I told them Tift. That was all there was to it, and so what do you suppose they called me? You guessed right the first time. Tift—just that and nothing more."

And so his childhood passed. Once in awhile some overinsistent companion wanted to know just why it was that there was no first name, and after awhile Mr. Tift began answering by physical prowess. But, as a rule, there were few queries. Such things spread.

And then it came to the time when he would have to vote. He and his father, who was one of the original members of the shook firm, went to the family counsel and asked him what about it. The lawyer looked up everything that had happened in that line since the common law was written and discovered that the only case of a one named man was a ragpicker in Boston.

That person seemed to be able to struggle along without much trouble and without anything like police interference, and so Mr. Tift thought he would risk it. He lives in Brooklyn, and he found that in his town—as it then was—and in New York there were only four or five Tifts, and all of them were cousins, and he didn't think they would do anything disagreeable about it.

**Votes That Way Too.**  
The first time Tift went to vote the inspectors of election wanted to know what about it. He told them that it was just Tift, and there wasn't any use in arguing. It got by.

Pretty soon Tift got far enough along in the world to start a bank account. The receiving teller took a good look at him when he shot through a sample of his signature and wanted to know why he was so stingy with the ink. But by the time a couple of checks had come home without a murmur the teller allowed that it must be all right. And right at this minute Tift has two bank accounts, both of which he opened with the one word Tift.

Now there are two young Tifts, and the odd part of it is that both of them have perfectly good front names. The idea of a junior Tift or of a Tift 2d didn't look good to him, and, besides, it didn't look good to Mrs. Tift, which is more important.

Be it said for those who haven't a dictionary handy that shooks, painted on Tift's door, are the parts of a box, its sides and its top and bottom, before it is assembled.

**Help Wanted by Epicure.**  
In a paper published in St. Germain, France, there recently appeared this advertisement: "Gentleman, single, great lover of calf's head, but unable to obtain less than a whole one, which it is impossible for him to consume by himself, desires to find one or more associates who would share a calf's head with him three times a week."

**Spain Invents Grape Cask.**  
There has been invented in Spain a cylindrical barrel for grapes, divided into four sections to ventilate the contents and prevent them from being crushed.

**ALABAMA.**  
Population 1910..... 2,138,098  
(Increase 16.9 per cent.)  
Population 1900..... 1,828,597  
Population 1890..... 1,513,017

## MANY MEN WANT TO SPEND.

Kansas Anti-Tightwad Club Members Offered Marriage.

The success of the Anti-Tightwad club, organized by twenty-two girls of Sylvia, Kan., may cause the organization's disruption. Because of the notoriety given to the members and the large number of letters received by them the parents of some have demanded that they resign, and two of the number already have left the organization.

The members of the club have pledged themselves to go with no young men except those who were liberal with their money. Within the last few weeks more than a hundred letters have been received by the young women.

Miss Pearl Draper received forty letters, among which is one from a young man in Kansas City proposing marriage. This writer says he approves of the organization and also tells the president he has sufficient income to live up to her idea as to what a man should spend.

One Kansas Cityan wrote a letter to every member, but only one man summoned courage to disapprove of the action of the club. Five of the letters were from New York city, one from Trenton, N. J., and one from Galveston, Tex.

Twenty-five young men signed their names to the rules of the Tightwad club of Manhattan, Kan., which were sent to Miss Draper, and a letter from a girls' club of Kansas City declared that a similar organization had been formed there a short time ago.

### CORRESPOND ON FREIGHT CAR

Clerks Have New Reciprocal Scheme For Postcards.

Some of the clerks employed in a big manufacturing office on the lower end of Staten Island, New York, have instituted a new fad—that of correspondence by freight car. Upon the sides of cars that come into the yards of the company—and almost every railroad in the country is represented by the legends on the cars—the clerks write their names and addresses.

Not long after one string of cars leaves the yards picture postcards begin to come in from small towns all over the country and even in Canada addressed to those whose names were scrawled in chalk on the sides of the empties. The Staten Island clerks in turn send postcards to every address they find on the freight cars, and so the endless chain lengthens.

**FLORIDA.**  
Population 1910..... 751,329  
(Increase 42.1 per cent.)  
Population 1900..... 528,542  
Population 1890..... 391,422

**Bad Combinations.**  
Rambo—I have a pair of glasses at home that make me see double. Baldwin—Yes; I've seen you using them. One is a beer mug and the other is a whisky tumbler.—Chicago Tribune.

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